1. **Opening Matters** 
   1. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements - P.A.K.(TX), Jay G.(OH), Seth S.(MA), Rick S.(PA), Christina M.(CA), Gabriel G. (CA), Jaclyn P. (MN), Jim B. (CA)
   2. Readings:
      * + [Twelve Concepts](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Concepts_of_SLAA.pdf) - (Non-Chair Member with most seniority) – **P.A. K.**
        + [Twelve Traditions](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Traditions_of_SLAA.pdf)- (Member next most seniority on the BOT) – **Jay G.**
        + **BOT Preamble** - *Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented fellowship based on the model pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous. The only qualification for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. S.L.A.A. is supported entirely through contributions of its membership and is free to all who need it. The BOT is a business meeting. We are the business arm of our recovery organization. Respecting the Second Tradition, we need to put individual feelings aside when we work for the BOT and focus on what serves the Fellowship best. This is a job. We are trusted servants. We abuse that trust when we do not act professionally in discharging the business of the Fellowship*. – **Rick S.**

**Start Recording (\*9)**

1. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – **Seth S.**
   2. Record Keeper – **Jim B. (non-BOT member - present)**
   3. Timekeeper – **Jay G.**
   4. Spiritual Reminder – **All**
2. **Announcements**
   1. Update on Whistleblower Complaint – **Seth S.** *---Seth sent an official BOT response to the whistleblower investigators, with no response yet.*
   2. Update on Life Saver Program – **Seth S.** *---currently $37,000 received. Will receive report from Pam soon with information on contribution and date. This will be forwarded for matching funds.*
   3. Sandy B’s application to joining the BPMC was unanimously approved by the BOT via the email process.
   4. Draft of a new “BOT Statement on Unity”. – **Christina M. and Jacyln P.** *---Two BOT members co-wrote the single paragraph statement, and brought it to the meeting for input. There was a lengthy discussion, motion, and action item. Following are the key points:*

* Motion was made, seconded and unanimously (7-0-0) approved for the following statement:

We’re Better When We’re UnitedThe S.L.A.A. F.W.S. Board of Trustees (BOT) stands for unity among our members. We celebrate the rich, diverse tapestry of our global membership by fostering supportive spaces for individuals of all ethnicities, gender identities, ages, religions, sexual orientations, physical or mental abilities, histories, legal consequences, and experiences. The S.L.A.A. F.W.S. BOT encourages all S.L.A.A. members to value our differences and bring our authentic, whole selves to the rooms. Our diverse voices bring tremendous value to our fellowship. It is our hope that all sex and love addicts feel welcome and accepted in these safe spaces of recovery.

* It will be posted on the website on the home page, for one month.
* The webmaster will determine the best location in coordination with Christina.
* The statement can be moved to another location after that if the BOT wishes.
* All BOT members will bring the statement, as liaisons, to their respective conference committees.

1. **Approval of Today’s Agenda** (***BOT Agenda 4 10 21.docx***) *----vote was requested to revise order of items in elevated priority business. It was agreed to swap item “f” with item “b” in order of priority. A question also came up about the revised budget for the ABM now that it is V-conference and Zoom based. It was agreed to bring it to the ABM Planning Committee to discuss / review first, then bring to the BOT afterwards.*
2. **Approval of last Month’s Minutes**

Minutes from March 13, 2021 Meeting.

*(****BOT Minutes 1.1. 3-13-21.docx*** *)*

*---the minutes were BOT approved as amended to correct the 7th Tradition Committee Report. They will be posted to the website.*

1. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Post preliminary Agenda for April 10, 2021 in DropBox – **Seth S** – (DONE)
   2. Forward August 2020, October 2020, December 2020 and February 2021 Meeting Minutes to Beth and Pam – **Seth S.** – (DONE)
2. **Routine Reports**
   1. Suggestions to the Board Report *– None*

**BUSINESS**

**ELEVATED PRIORITY:**

1. Discussion of offering bundle(s) of literature for limited time which include free shipping – **Christina M.**

-*--Lengthy discussion about bundle topic, price, items included, and shipping, with a motion at the conclusion. Details are as follows:*

* *The “newcomer” bundle proposed by the BOT last month was approved by the BPDC, with the addition of the Anorexia pamphlet.*
* *It was determined to sell it domestically for $29.99, with free shipping.*
* *It was determined to sell it internationally for $15.00, but shipping will be at normal rate.*
* *It will include the following: (1) Basic Text; (2) Guide to the Steps; (3) Setting Bottom Lines; (4) Withdrawal; (5) Gift of No Contact; (6) Questions Beginners Ask; (7) Romantic Obsession; (8) Introduction to SLAA; (9) Sponsorship; (10) Anorexia.*
* *Bundle will fit in standard padded shipping envelope.*
* *Christina will ask Beth to post the new bundle on the website.*
* *Motion to approve as presented (see above) was seconded, and unanimously approved 7-0-0.*

1. Discussion and resolution regarding format changes to core S.L.A.A. documents when translated into other languages. – **Christina M.**

*---The BTC has been reviewing a proposal from the CTIOC to reformat the 8 Core Documents in translated versions, and is seeking a decision from the BOT on the issue. Discussion followed, with a Motion at the conclusion. Following are the details:*

* *CTIOC wishes to convert each of the documents to a “tri-fold” layout in an effort to mimic S.L.A.A. pamphlet design, with the intent of placing on a literature table.*
* *The CTIOC would also like these re-formatted, translated documents posted on the S.L.A.A. website.*
* *It was noted that the core documents do not format well in tri-fold, and that because there is only information on one side, it does not function properly as a tri-fold.*
* *It was also noted that the print was very small on the tri-fold, and that the font was difficult to read.*
* *A motion was made and seconded to deny posting of any reformatted core S.L.A.A. documents on the F.W.S. website. It was unanimously approved 7-0-0.*

1. Discussion and approval of proposed BDC policy regarding Executive Session by the BOT. – **Seth S.** (Dropbox: BDC Draft Policy ExecSession 31521.docx)

*---Brief discussion about the BDC policy on Executive Sessions, with subsequent vote. Motion to adopt the policy was seconded and unanimously approved 7-0-0.*

*---For all future Executive Sessions, the minutes will only reflect that the BOT went into the Session. Neither the discussion nor the outcome of the Session will be in the minutes.*

1. Discussion regarding Sober Dating: Question for Discussion booklet in the Amazon Print-On-Demand function. – **Christina M.**

*--- Discussion on price and other issues, with a Motion at the conclusion. Following are the details:*

* *Print-on-Demand is an Amazon feature which allows an individual to customize a book (paper, cover, color, etc.).*
* *Amazon takes a percentage of the selling price, and the rest is passed through to the FWS.*
* *Proposal is to sell this booklet in Print-on-Demand format for $9.99, which is $3.00 more than the e-version.*
* *Some concern about creating a precedent by taking this to market so quickly.*
* *It was noted that there is high demand from the fellowship for this booklet.*
* *A motion was made and seconded to sell this booklet as Print-on-Demand through Amazon for $9.99. There were two votes. First vote was four in favor, two opposed, and one abstention. After further discussion a second vote was taken. Second vote was four in favor and three opposed. Motion passed.*

1. CSPC needs an update on BOT’s  2020 stance on “no matching” of sponsors to sponsees by third parties and more generally development of a Safety Statement for the Fellowship. – **Nancy G. and Jay G.**

*---tabled until next meeting.*

1. Proposal from BOC regarding YouTube videos attributable to S.L.A.A. and discussion of Social Media Policy for Fellowship – **Gabriel G.**

*---tabled until next meeting.*

1. Discussion and resolution regarding format changes to core S.L.A.A. documents when translated into other languages. – **Christina M.**

*---tabled until next meeting.*

1. Discussion of Role of Board Liaison to Conference Committees – **Seth S**.

*---tabled until next meeting.*

1. Discussion around possible BOT virtual retreat to do strategic planning for the BOT and the Fellowship – **Seth S.**

*---tabled until next month.*

**REGULAR PRIORITY:**

1. Working with a nonprofit corporation Intergroup – NY Intergroup, Houston and LA

*---tabled until next meeting.*

**Stop Recording** **(\*9)**

**Check-outs:** P.A.K., Jay G., Seth S., Rick S., Christina M., Gabriel G., Jacyln

**Closing Prayer:**

*Higher Power- make me worthy to serve You through this Fellowship and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Help me to be generous with my time and effort, to give without counting the cost, to give back wholly for what I have so freely received without looking for any reward, other than that of knowing I have done your will. Through my service, may I give hope and peace to those who still suffer.* – **Jacyln R.**

**Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2020-2021**

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| *~~12 Sept 20 – Regular~~* | *~~10 Oct 20 – Interim~~* | *~~14 Nov 20 – Regular~~* |
| *~~12 Dec 20 – Interim~~* | *~~9 Jan 21 – Regular~~* | *~~13 Feb 21 – Interim~~* |
| *~~13 Mar 21 - Regular~~****~~14~~* Mar 20 – Regular** | *~~10 Apr 21 – Interim~~* | *8 May 21 – Regular* |
| *12 Jun 21 – Interim* | 10 Jul 21 – Regular | F2F (?) |